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Re: Comments of Amador County and Mokelumne River
Authority on the Notice of Preparation of an EIR
for the Folsom South Canal (FSC) Connection Project

Dear Ms. Morrison:

This letter is from both Amador County and the Mokelumne River Authority, a joint powers agency comprised of Amador County, Calaveras County, Jackson Valley Irrigation District, Amador Water Agency, Calaveras Public Utility District and the Calaveras County Water District. The comments relate to the proposed EIR for the Folsom South Canal (FSC) Connection Project ("Project").

The initial study for the Project dated January 22, 1996, prepared by EDAW, Inc. for EBMUD at least indirectly affects Mokelumne River water available to solve water needs in both Amador County and Calaveras County although the Project is not physically located in either county. The Project is part of a larger water supply program being developed by EBMUD which will affect the Mokelumne River especially east of Pardee Reservoir. To the extent that any water is withdrawn, released, stored, or otherwise used or claimed for use by EBMUD such water is not available for use by either Amador or Calaveras counties. The environmental impact on the Mokelumne River and on the two counties from the loss of availability of such water should be included in all project EIRs concerning EBMUD's water supply program, not excluding this Project, since this Project is part of a tier of projects together comprising a whole project which will affect Amador and Calaveras counties.

Amador County and the Mokelumne River Authority together and separately through this letter request that the EIR consider the Project impacts, both primary and secondary, including those

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impacts from EBMUD's entire water supply program on the two counties and on the eastern stretch of the Mokelumne and its tributaries.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Amador County Board of Supervisors
Mokelumne River Authority